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BROWN'S ORGAN DONOR TAX INCENTIVE BILL PASSED BY COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS – A bill authored by State Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) on a tax incentive for organ donation was passed by the House Ways and Means Committee today.

Every 24 hours, approximately 100 people are added to the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant somewhere in the U.S. In the same 24-hour period, an average of 17 people die every day waiting for an organ that doesn't come.

House Bill 1357 would provide a \$10,000 tax incentive for a human organ donation by an individual or an individual's dependant in an attempt to encourage people to be donors if they have the opportunity.

"With any situation where an individual needs an organ transplant, the procedure can not only result in temporary discomfort for the donor, but a loss in wages if time needs to be taken off work for post-procedure recovery," said Brown. "Providing a tax credit for these generous actions can financially ease the process for donors."

This legislation would provide donors the opportunity to claim the tax credit only once in their lifetime.

The measure will now be sent to the House for consideration.